sideration as they were not substantive in the State Civil Service.

(e) As the process of preparation of Select List is not over it would not be appropriate to reveal details of the individuals.

Missing army deserters and defence personnel

1756. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of army deserters and defence personnel are still missing;

(b) if so, since when and what is the number thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of such personnel have been recruited in Punjab Police and others are in Pakistan; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The information asked for is of a classified nature and cannot be divulged in public interest.

Seminar on developing countries and nuclear issues

1757. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar entitled "Development countries and Nuclear Issue" was held in New Delhi on January 20, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the names of those development countries whose delegates participated in the seminar;

(c) what are the main observations and suggestions made at the seminar; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, a workshop on this subject was organised jointly by the India International Centre and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses on January 20th, 1986 at the request of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, which met in New Delhi from January 17-19, 1986.

(b) No delegates from any country as such were invited. The participants included Indian academics and others interested in security issues and those members of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues and the experts assisting them who were present for the New Delhi meeting of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues.

(c) The theme paper for the workshop was titled "Developing Countries and Nuclear Issues." The discussions covered a wide range of security and disarmament issues.

(d) Government of India's views on these issues are well-known and have been stated a number of times on the floor of this House.

Opening of passport office in Kurukshetra

1758. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a passport office in Kurukshetra in Haryana; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

US insistence for signing of GSOMIA by India

1759. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US is insisting for signing of the GSOMIA by